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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH: APPROVAL TO SUPERSEDE FOUR EXISTING TEMPORARY PSYCHIATRIST SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN LOCUM TENENS CONTRACTORS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to sign and execute the supersession of four existing Temporary Psychiatrist Services Agreements (Agreements), as listed in Attachment I, and substantially similar to Attachment II, with Locum Tenens (LT) contractors to enable the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to ensure that revised and new provisions affected by the enactment of Senate Bill 279 (SB 279) that redefines LT psychiatrists from employees to independent contractors/subcontractors of LT contractors are included in the Agreements. The term of these agreements will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2009.
- 2. Approve an increased contracted rate of \$950 per day (hourly rate of \$118.75) for general psychiatrists and \$1,050 per day (hourly rate or \$131.25) for child and adolescent psychiatrists and general psychiatrists assigned to difficult to recruit work sites for LT contractors. The increased contracted rate is consistent with the prevailing LT rate structure in other California counties. Funding for the increased contracted rate is derived from utilization of vacant budgeted psychiatrist positions which have been unfilled due to critical hiring shortages.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to sign and execute future agreements with other qualified LT contractors, and to sign and execute amendments to the agreements, provided that: 1) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 2) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designees is obtained prior to any such amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Board approval is required to supersede the existing Temporary Psychiatrist Services Agreement with a revised format that redefines LT psychiatrists from employees to independent contractors/subcontractors, pursuant to the October 5, 2005, enactment of SB 279 as codified in Chapter 5 of Division 2 of the California Business and Professions Code Section 2418. Therefore, LT contractors deem their LT psychiatrists as independent contractors/subcontractors and not employees, and do not pay for Social Security and workers' compensation/unemployment benefits. They also do not provide general liability (GL) or automobile liability insurance to their contracted LT psychiatrists.

Additionally, Board approval of a \$950 per day rate is justified for LT contractors who contract/subcontract with LT general psychiatrists and child and adolescent psychiatrists. This rate increase from \$900 per day to \$950 per day is consistent with the prevailing LT rate structure in other California counties, which utilize Board of Medical Examiners' eligible or certified general psychiatrists and child and adolescent psychiatrists. The \$1,050 per day rate is also requested to compensate LT contractors who locate and assign independent/subcontract psychiatrists willing to work in difficult-to-recruit work sites/conditions, such as the Jail Mental Health Services, Antelope Valley, and South Los Angeles.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan's Programmatic Goal No. 7, "Health and Mental Health." The ability to meet DMH's critical psychiatrist staffing needs on a temporary and intermittent basis will enhance DMH's effectiveness in service delivery.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no increase in net County cost with the supersession of existing agreements with a revised Agreement format. Funding for these costs is included in DMH's Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 Adopted Budget. Funding for FY 2008-09 will be requested during DMH's annual budget process.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to SB 279, an LT contractor, for purposes of California law, is not considered an employment agency for psychiatrists, nor is it an employer of psychiatrists. Because of this change in State law, these LT contractors engage the services of individual psychiatrists as independent contractors/subcontractors. Thus, neither County nor LT contractors assume responsibility for Social Security payments and workers' compensation insurance/unemployment insurance for LT contractors' independent contracted/subcontracted psychiatrists placed at County's facilities on a temporary basis.

Since July 1, 2001, DMH has utilized the services of LT contractors to provide qualified psychiatrists, on a temporary and intermittent basis, to perform psychiatric evaluations, medication support, and crisis intervention to Seriously Mentally III (SMI) adults, Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) children, adolescents, and their families as well as to provide consultation and training to mental health professionals. The use of these LT contractors' independent contracted/subcontracted psychiatrists, on an as needed basis, is necessary to meet emergent or unanticipated needs when existing County employees are unavailable, cannot be transferred from other locations, or vacant positions cannot be filled timely with permanent new hires.

Consistent with the change in California State law by the enactment of SB 279, a standard provision on Subcontracting and a revised provision on Independent Status of Contractor have been added to the Agreement.

Under the superseded Agreements, LT contractors will be paid an established daily rate increase from \$900 per day to \$950 per day (an hourly increase from \$112.50 to \$118.75 per hour) for the provision of LT general psychiatrists and from \$900 per day to \$1,050 per day (hourly rate of \$131.25) for LT child and adolescent psychiatrists and general psychiatrist assigned to difficult to recruit sites, as described in Exhibit B of the Agreements (Attachment II). The rate increase will correspond with the prevailing rates in other California counties, thereby allowing LT contractors to subcontract with psychiatrists and successfully place them at DMH locations. The ongoing shortage of psychiatrists seriously impairs the Department's ability to provide timely access to services and quality care within these communities.

The Department surveyed a total of 27 counties in California regarding utilization of LT contracts. Of the 27 counties, 13 have no current LT contracts, and 14 counties have existing LT contracts. Overall survey results reflect that nine counties pay differential rates to general and child and adolescent psychiatrists, and 12 counties pay higher contracted rates than Los Angeles County for LT psychiatrists. Counties also vary

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substantially in their indemnification and insurance coverage requirements for LT contractors and their independent LT psychiatrists. In some cases, it appears that some counties are not requiring their LT contractors to indemnify or maintain professional liability/malpractice and GL insurance for their independent LT psychiatrists.

Four of the County's existing LT contractors and five prospective LT contractors have advised that the independent psychiatrists do not maintain their own GL coverage. The nine existing and prospective contractors have agreed to carry GL insurance with limits of \$1 million each occurrence covering liability for bodily and personal injury arising from the activities of their own employees. However, all nine firms indicate they are unable or unwilling to cover the independent psychiatrists under their own GL insurance policies. The nine firms have agreed to provide professional liability (malpractice) insurance with limits of \$1 million per claim to cover the acts and/or omissions of the independent psychiatrists. The Department of Mental Health also has negotiated a requirement that all LT contractors and their independent psychiatrists will carry automobile liability insurance policy coverage with limits of \$300,000 per accident.

The Department, after considerable discussion and negotiation with these parties, has made a business decision to agree to these terms, subject to approval by your Board, as professional liability/malpractice insurance should cover the most significant risk associated with the provision of psychiatrist services. The Department believes the additional financial risk posed by these deviations from the standard contract provisions is nominal in comparison with the critical need to obtain temporary psychiatrist services, and as the independent LT psychiatrists will not transport clients and their use of vehicles is limited to driving to and from County facilities.

Attachment I provides information regarding LT contractor names, locations, Supervisorial Districts, and Agreement term. Attachment II is the Agreement, and Attachment III provides information regarding Contracting with Minority/Women-Owned Firms, Percentages of Ownership in firms contracting with the County.

The proposed actions and Agreement provisions have been reviewed by the CEO, including its Risk Management Branch, and County Counsel, and they concur with the Department's recommendation.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Without Board approval of the supersession of existing LT agreements with a revised Agreement, LT contractors are unwilling to continue providing temporary psychiatrist services due to the expenses they would otherwise incur to satisfy the County's indemnification and insurance requirements. These LT contractors have successfully negotiated LT contracts with other County, State, and Federal departments/agencies throughout California which include rate adjustments, as well as modified indemnification and insurance requirements. Without the availability of these temporary LT contractors' services, DMH would experience continual hardships in handling critical manpower shortages and meeting emergent or unanticipated client needs when the hiring process of psychiatrists is delayed or lengthy.

CONCLUSION

The Department of Mental Health will need one copy of the adopted Board's action. It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, notify the Department of Mental Health, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684 when this document is available.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (3)

c: County Counsel

Director of Mental Health
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH Countracts Development and Administration Division

TEMPORARY PSYCHIATRIST SERVICES AGREEMENTS (LOCUM TENENS) FOR FISCAL YEARS (FY) 2007-08 AND 2008-09

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	Chantilly, VA 20151			
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	San Clemente, CA 92673			a i,usu per day

^{*}The all-inclusive daily rate for general psychiatrists is \$950 per day.
**The all-inclusive daily rate for child and adolescent psychiatrists and general psychiatrists assigned to difficultto-recruit sites is \$1,050 per day.

ATTACHMENT II

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4	TEMPORARY PSYCHIATRIST SERVICES AGREEMENT
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6	THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this day of, 2007,
7	by and between the County of Los Angeles (hereafter "County"), and
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13	(hereafter "Contractor")
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23	WHEREAS, County desires to provide to those persons in Los Angeles
24	County who qualify therefor certain mental health services contemplated and authorized
25	by the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act, California Welfare and Institutions Code Section
26	5600 <u>et seq.</u> ; and
27	WHEREAS, Contractor is equipped, staffed, and prepared to provide these
28	services as described in this Agreement; and
29	WHEREAS, these services shall be provided by Contractor in accordance
30	with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, required licenses, ordinances, rules,
31	Regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, which may include, but are not

1 necessarily limited to, the following: Bronzan-McCorquodale Act, California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5600 et seq., including, but not limited to, Sections 5600.2, 2 3 5600.3, 5600.4, 5600.9, 5602, 5608, 5651, 5670, 5670.5, 5671, 5671.5, 5672, 5705, 4 5709, 5710, 5716, 5719, 5721, 5722, 5751.2, and 5900 et seq.: Medi-Cal Act. California 5 Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14000 et seg., including, but not limited to. 6 Section 14132.44; California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17601 et seg.; California Work Opportunities and Responsibilities to Kids Act, California Welfare and 7 8 Institutions Code Section 11200 et seg.; California Government Code Sections 26227 and 53703; Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 United States Code Section 1396 et 9 10 seg.; Title IV of the Social Security Act, Part B of Title XIX of the Public Health Service 11 Act, 42 United States Code Section 300x et seg.; California Penal Code Section 11164 et seq.; Title 9 and Title 22, including, but not limited to, Sections 51516, 70001, 71001, 12 13 72001 et seq., and 72443 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations; State 14 Department of Mental Health's Cost Reporting/Data Collection Manual; State 15 Department of Mental Health's Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Manual for the Rehabilitation Option and Targeted Case Management; State Department of Mental Health's 16 Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Automated Cost Reporting System Users Manual; policies and 17 procedures developed by County; State's Medicaid Plan; and policies and procedures 18 which have been documented in the form of Policy Letters issued by State Department 19 20 of Mental Health; and/or for State Department of Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health ("DMH") has determined that existing staff of DMH do not have sufficient manpower, that it is difficult to recruit personnel to perform the services hereunder, and that the services to be provided hereunder are of a professional and temporary nature; and

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WHEREAS, Contractor is qualified and licensed under the laws of the State of California to engage in the business of providing the services described herein; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is willing to provide the services described herein for and in consideration of the payments provided under this Agreement and under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 26227 and 31000 of the California Government Code, County is authorized to contract for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants hereafter contained the parties hereto agree as follows:

PREAMBLE

For nearly a decade, the County has collaborated with its community partners to enhance the capacity of the health and human services system to improve the lives of children and families. These efforts require, as a fundamental expectation, that the County's contracting partners share the County and community's commitment to provide health and human services that support achievement of the County's vision, goals, values, and adopted outcomes. Key to these efforts is the integration of service delivery systems and the adoption of the Customer Service and Satisfaction Standards.

The County of Los Angeles' Vision is to improve the quality of life in the County by providing responsive, efficient, and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, business and communities. This philosophy of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in the shared values of:

Responsiveness Professionalism Accountability Compassion Integrity
Commitment
A Can-Do Attitude
Respect for Diversity

These shared values are encompassed in the County Strategic Plan's eight goals:

1) Service Excellence; 2) Workforce Excellence; 3) Organizational Effectiveness; 4) Fiscal Responsibility; 5) Children and Families' Well-Being; 6) Community Services; 7) Health and Mental Health; and 8) Public Safety. Improving the well-being of children and families requires coordination, collaboration, and integration of services across functional and jurisdictional boundaries, by and between County departments/agencies, and community and contracting partners.

The basic conditions that represent the well-being we seek for all children and families in Los Angeles County are delineated in the following five outcomes, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in January 1993.

- Good Health:
- Economic Well-Being:
- Safety and Survival;
- Emotional and Social Well-Being; and

Education and Workforce Readiness.

Recognizing no single strategy - in isolation - can achieve the County's outcomes of well-being for children and families, consensus has emerged among County and community leaders that making substantial improvements in integrating the County's health and human services system is necessary to significantly move toward achieving these outcomes. The County has also established the following values and goals for guiding this effort to integrate the health and human services delivery system:

- ✓ Families are treated with respect in every encounter they have with the health, educational, and social services systems.
- ✓ Families can easily access a broad range of services to address their needs, build on their strengths, and achieve their goals.
- ✓ There is no "wrong door": wherever a family enters the system is the right place.
- ✓ Families receive services tailored to their unique situations and needs.
- ✓ Service providers and advocates involve families in the process of determining service plans, and proactively provide families with coordinated and comprehensive information, services, and resources.
- ✓ The County service system is flexible, able to respond to service demands
 for both the Countywide population and specific population groups.
- ✓ The County service system acts to strengthen communities, recognizing that just as individuals live in families, families live in communities.
- ✓ In supporting families and communities, County agencies work seamlessly with public and private service providers, community-based organizations, and other community partners.
- ✓ County agencies and their partners work together seamlessly to demonstrate substantial progress towards making the system more strength-based, family-focused, culturally-competent, accessible, user-friendly, responsive, cohesive, efficient, professional, and accountable.
- ✓ County agencies and their partners focus on administrative and operational enhancements to optimize the sharing of information, resources, and best practices while also protecting the privacy rights of families.

- ✓ County agencies and their partners pursue multi-disciplinary service delivery, a single service plan, staff development opportunities, infrastructure enhancements, customer service and satisfaction evaluation, and revenue maximization.
 - ✓ County agencies and their partners create incentives to reinforce the direction toward service integration and a seamless service delivery system.
 - ✓ The County human service system embraces a commitment to the disciplined pursuit of results accountability across systems. Specifically, any strategy designed to improve the County human services system for children and families should ultimately be judged by whether it helps achieve the County's five outcomes for children and families: good health, safety and survival, economic well-being, social and emotional well-being, and education and workforce readiness.

The County, its clients, contracting partners, and the community are working together to develop practical ways to make County services more accessible, customer friendly, better integrated, and outcome-focused. Several departments have identified shared themes in their strategic plans for achieving these goals including: making an effort to become more consumer/client-focused; valuing community partnerships and collaborations; emphasizing values and integrity; and using a strengths-based and multi-disciplinary team approach. County departments are also working to provide the Board of Supervisors and the community with a better understanding of how resources are being utilized, how well services are being provided, and what are the results of the services: is anyone better off?

The County of Los Angeles health and human service departments and their partners are working together to achieve the following *Customer Service And Satisfaction Standards* in support of improving outcomes for children and families.

Personal Service Delivery

The service delivery team – staff and volunteers – will treat customers and each other with courtesy, dignity, and respect.

Introduce themselves by name

Listen carefully and patiently to customers 1 2 Be responsive to cultural and linguistic needs 3 Explain procedures clearly 4 Build on the strengths of families and communities 5 Service Access 6 Service providers will work proactively to facilitate customer access to services. 7 Provide services as promptly as possible Provide clear directions and service information 8 9 Outreach to the community and promote available services Involve families in service plan development 10 Follow-up to ensure appropriate delivery of services 11 Service Environment 12 13 Service providers will deliver services in a clean, safe, and welcoming 14 environment, which supports the effective delivery of services. Ensure a safe environment 15 16 Ensure a professional atmosphere Display vision, mission, and values statements 17 Provide a clean and comfortable waiting area 18 Ensure privacy 19 Post complaint and appeals procedures 20 21 The basis for all County health and human services contracts is the provision of 22 the highest level of quality services that support improved outcomes for children and 23 families. The County and its contracting partners must work together and share a commitment to achieve a common vision, goals, outcomes, and standards for providing 24 services. 25 1. **TERM**: The term of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect through 26 27 including two automatic one-year renewal periods. The first automatic renewal period shall be from _____ through _____. 28 The second automatic renewal period shall be from through 29 The 30 Agreement may be terminated at any time by either party, with or without cause, upon

the giving of at least 30 calendar days prior written notice thereof to the other.

Director may terminate this Agreement immediately if Contractor, its officers, employees or agents, including its independent contractors, fail to comply with the terms of this Agreement or any directions by or on behalf of County issued pursuant hereto.

Director may also terminate this Agreement, immediately if Contractor, its officers, employees or agents, including its independent contractors, engage in, or if Director has reasonable justification to believe that Contractor, or such employees or agents, including Contractor's independent contractors, may be engaging in a course of conduct which poses an imminent danger to the life or health of County patients.

County's failure to exercise this right of termination shall not constitute waiver of such right, and the same may be exercised at any subsequent time.

Immediate termination hereunder shall be effected by delivery to Contractor of a written "Notice of Immediate Termination" which shall be effective upon Contractor's receipt of such "Notice of Immediate Termination".

In addition, the performance of services under this Agreement may be terminated when such action is deemed by County to be in its best interest. Termination of services shall be effected by delivery to Contractor of a written "Notice of Termination" specifying the extent to which performance of services under this Agreement is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

After receipt of the "Notice of Termination", and except as otherwise directed by County, Contractor shall stop services under this Agreement on the date and to the extent specified in such "Notice of Termination."

- A. <u>Suspension of Payments</u>: Payments to Contractor under this Agreement shall be suspended if Director, for good cause, determines that Contractor is in default under any of the provisions of this Agreement. Except in cases of alleged fraud or similar intentional wrongdoing, at least 30 calendar days notice of such suspension shall be provided to Contractor, including a statement of the reason(s) for such suspension. Thereafter, Contractor may, within 15 calendar days, request reconsideration of the Director's decision. Payments shall not be withheld pending the results of the reconsideration process.
- 2. <u>ADMINISTRATION</u>: Director shall have the authority to administer this Agreement on behalf of County. Contractor shall designate in writing a Contract

- 1 Manager who shall function as liaison with County regarding Contractor's performance
- 2 hereunder.
- 3 3. **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**: Contractor agrees to provide DMH upon request,
- 4 with the services described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by
- 5 reference.
- 6 4. BILLING AND PAYMENT: All billings by Contractor for services provided
- 7 pursuant to this Agreement shall be in accordance with the terms, conditions and rates
- set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- 9 A. <u>No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of</u>
- 10 Contract: Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any money or
- reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by Contractor after
- the expiration or other termination of this Contract. Should Contractor receive any
- such payment, it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such
- funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination
- of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment
 - from Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this
- 17 Contract.

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- 18 B. Six Months Notification of Agreement Expiration: Contractor shall notify
- 19 County when this Agreement is within six (6) months of expiration. Contractor shall send
 - such notice to those persons and addresses which are set forth in Paragraph 59
- 21 (NOTICES).
- 22 C. Budget Reductions: In the event that the County's Board of Supervisors
- adopts, in any fiscal year, a County Budget which provides for reductions in County
- contracts, the County reserves the right to reduce its payment obligation under this
- 25 Agreement to implement such Board reductions for that fiscal year and any subsequent
- fiscal year during the term of this Agreement (including any extensions), and the services
- 27 to be provided by the Contractor under this Agreement shall also be reduced
- 28 correspondingly. The County's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in
- 29 payment obligation shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's
- 30 approval of such action. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Contractor
- shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Agreement.

5. NONEXCLUSIVITY CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN

A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM: Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its staff members is restricted or excluded from providing services under any health care program funded by the Federal government, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, and that Contractor will notify Director within 30 calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that would require Contractor or a staff member's mandatory exclusion from participation in a Federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary action taken by any agency of the Federal government against Contractor or one or more staff members barring it or the staff members from participation in a Federally funded health care program, whether such bar is direct or indirect, or whether such bar is in whole or in part.

There are a variety of different reasons why an individual or entity may be excluded from participating in a Federally funded health care program. Sometimes, the exclusion is mandatory and in other cases the Office of Inspector General (OIG) has the discretion not to exclude.

The mandatory bases for exclusion include: (1) felony convictions for program related crimes, including fraud or false claims, or for offenses related to the dispensing or use of controlled substances, or (2) convictions related to patient abuse.

Permissive exclusions may be based on: (1) conviction of a misdemeanor related to fraud or financial misconduct involving a government program; (2) obstructing an investigation; (3) failing to provide access to documents or premises as required by federal health care program officials; (4) conviction of a misdemeanor related to controlled substances; (5) failing to disclose information about the entity itself, its subcontractors or its significant business transactions; (6) loss of a state license to practice a health care profession; (7) default on a student loan given in connection with education in a health profession; (8) charging excessive amounts to a Federally funded health care program or furnishing services of poor quality or which are substantially in excess of the needs of the patients; (9) paying a kickback or submitting a false or fraudulent claim. Persons controlling or managing excluded entities who knew of the conduct leading to the exclusion can themselves be excluded, and entities which are owned and controlled by excluded individuals can also be excluded.

- 1 Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all loss or damage
- 2 County may suffer arising from any Federal exclusion of Contractor or its staff members
- 3 from such participation in a Federally funded health care program. Contractor shall
- 4 provide the certification set forth as part of its obligation under this Paragraph 39.
- 5 Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this Paragraph 39 shall constitute a
- 6 material breach of Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or
- 7 suspend this Agreement."

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6. **RECORDS AND AUDITS**:

Financial Records: Contractor shall prepare and maintain adequate financial records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. All such records shall be sufficient to substantiate all charges billed to County in the performance of this Agreement. All financial records of Contractor pertaining to this Agreement, including accurate books and records of accounts of its costs and operating expenses, and all records of services and personnel provided, as well as all other financial records pertaining to this Agreement shall be retained by Contractor for a minimum of five (5) years following the end of County's July 1 through June 30 fiscal year in which service was rendered. During such five (5) year period, as well as during the term of this Agreement, all such records shall be made available by Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County during normal business hours to representatives of County's Auditor-Controller, County's Department of Health sufficient to substantiate all charges billed to County in the performance of this Agreement. All financial records of Contractor pertaining to this Agreement, including accurate books and records of accounts of its costs and operating expenses, and all records of services and personnel provided, as well as all other financial records pertaining to this Agreement shall be retained by Contractor for a minimum of five (5) years following the end of County's July 1 through June 30 fiscal year in which service was rendered. During such five (5) year period, as well as during the term of this Agreement, all such records shall be made available by Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County during normal business hours to representatives of County's Auditor-controller, County's Department of Health Services and the State of California for purposes of inspection and audit.

B. Federal Access to Records: If, and to the extent that, Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. Section 1395x(v)(1)(I)] is applicable, Contractor agrees that for a period of five (5) years following the furnishing of services under this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain and make available, upon written request, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Comptroller General of the United States, or to any of their duly authorized representatives, the contract, books, documents and records of Contractor which are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the cost of services provided hereunder. Furthermore, if Contractor carries out any of the services provided hereunder through any subcontract with a value or cost of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or more over a twelve-month period with a related organization (as that term is defined under Federal law), Contractor agrees that each such subcontract shall provide for such access to the subcontract, books, documents and records of the subcontractor.

- C. <u>Audit Reports</u>: In the event that an audit is conducted of Contractor by any Federal or State auditor, Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report(s) with County's Auditor-Controller within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof unless otherwise provided under this Agreement, or under applicable State or Federal regulations. To the extent permitted by law, County shall maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).
- D. <u>Audit/Compliance Review</u>: In the event County representatives conduct an audit/compliance review of Contractor, Contractor shall fully cooperate with County's representatives. Contractor shall allow County representatives access to all records of services rendered and all financial records and reports pertaining to this Agreement and shall allow photocopies to be made of these documents utilizing Contractor's photocopier, for which County shall reimburse Contractor its customary charge for record copying services, if requested. Director shall provide Contractor with at least ten (10) working days prior written notice of any audit/compliance review.

County may conduct a statistical sample audit/compliance review of all claims paid by County during a specified period. The sample shall be determined in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. An exit conference shall be held following the performance of such audit/ compliance review at which time the results shall be

discussed with Contractor. Contractor shall be provided with a copy of any written evaluation reports.

Contractor shall have the opportunity to review County's findings for Contractor, and Contractor shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of County's audit/compliance review results to provide documentation to the County representatives to resolve the audit exceptions. If, at the end of the thirty (30) day period, there remain audit exceptions which have not been resolved to the satisfaction of County's representatives, then the exception rate found in the audit or sample shall be applied to the total County payment made to Contractor for all claims paid during the audit/compliance review period to determine Contractor's liability to County.

- E. <u>County Audit Settlements</u>: If, at any time during the term of this Agreement or at any time within five (5) years after the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, authorized representatives of County conduct an audit of-Contractor regarding the services provided to County hereunder and if such audit finds that County's dollar liability for such services is less than payments made by County to Contractor, then Contractor agrees that the difference shall be either: (1) repaid forthwith by Contractor to County by cash payment, or (2) at Director's option, deducted from any further amount due Contractor from County. If such audit finds that County's dollar liability for services provided hereunder is more than payments made by County to Contractor, then the difference shall be paid forthwith to Contractor by County by cash payment.
- F. Failure to Comply: Failure of Contractor to comply with the provisions of this Paragraph shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County shall give Contractor written "Notice of Material Breach". If such breach is not cured within ten (10) business days following the giving of such Notice, then County may, at County's sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1, TERM, in the body of this Agreement. County's failure to exercise this right of termination shall not constitute waiver of such right, and the same may be exercised at any subsequent time.
- 7. **CONFIDENTIALITY**: Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, including, but not limited to, claims, County records, patient/client

- records and information, and MIS records, in accordance with WIC Sections 5328 through 5330, inclusive, and all other applicable County, State, and Federal laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, relating to confidentiality. Contractor shall require all its officers, employees, and agents providing services hereunder to acknowledge, in writing, understanding of, and agreement to fully comply with, all such confidentiality provisions. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, and expense arising from any disclosure of such records and information by Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents.
- 10 8. PATIENTS'/CLIENTS' RIGHTS: Contractor shall comply with all applicable patients'/clients' rights provisions, including, but not limited to, WIC Section 5325 et seq., 12 CCR Title 9, Section 850 et seq., and CCR Title 22. Further, Contractor shall comply with all patients'/clients' rights policies provided by County. County Patients' Rights Advocates shall be given access by Contractor to all patients/clients, patients'/clients' records, and Contractor's personnel in order to monitor Contractor's compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, manuals and policies.

9. <u>REPORTING OF PATIENT/CLIENT ABUSE AND RELATED PERSONNEL</u> REQUIREMENTS:

- A. <u>Elders and Dependent Adults Abuse</u>: Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall comply with WIC Section 15630 <u>et seq.</u> and shall report all known or suspected instances of physical abuse of elders and dependent adults under the care of Contractor either to an appropriate County adult protective services agency or to a local law enforcement agency, as mandated by WIC Sections 15630, 15631 and 15632. Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall make the report on such abuse, and shall submit all required information, in accordance with WIC Sections 15630, 15633 and 15633.5.
- B. <u>Minor Children Abuse</u>: Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall comply with California Penal Code (hereafter "PC") Section 11164 <u>et seq</u>. and shall report all known or suspected instances of child abuse to an appropriate child protective agency, as mandated by California Penal Code 11164, 11165.8 and 11166. Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted by

Contractor, shall make the report on such abuse, and shall submit all required information, in accordance with PC Sections 11166 and 11167.

C. Contractor Staff:

- (1) Contractor shall assure that any person who enters into employment as a care custodian of elders, dependent adults or minor children, or who enters into employment as a health or other practitioner, prior to commencing employment, and as a prerequisite to that employment, shall sign a statement on a form provided by Contractor in accordance with the above code sections to the effect that such person has knowledge of, and will comply with, these code sections.
- (2) Contractor shall assure that clerical and other nontreatment staff who are not legally required to directly report suspected cases of abuse, consult with mandated reporters upon suspecting any abuse.
- (3) For the safety and welfare of elders, dependent adults, and minor children, Contractor shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law, ascertain arrest and conviction records for all current and prospective employees and shall not employ or continue to employ any person convicted of any crime involving any harm to elders, dependent adults, or minor children.
- (4) Contractor shall not employ or continue to employ, or shall take other appropriate action to fully protect all persons receiving services under this Agreement concerning, any person whom Contractor knows, or reasonably suspects, has committed any acts which are inimical to the health, morals, welfare, or safety of elders, dependent adults or minor children, or which otherwise make it inappropriate for such person to be employed by Contractor.

10. NONDISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES:

A. Contractor shall not discriminate in the provision of services hereunder because of race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, or physical or mental handicap or medical conditions, in accordance with requirements of Federal and State law. For the purpose of this Paragraph 16, discrimination in the provision of services may include, but is not limited to, the following: denying any person any service or benefit or the availability of a facility; providing any service or benefit to any person which is different, or is provided in a different manner or at a different time, from that

provided to others; subjecting any person to segregation or separate treatment in any matter related to the receipt of any service; restricting any person in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any service or benefit; and treating any person differently from others in determining admission, enrollment quota, eligibility, membership, or any other requirement or condition which persons must meet in order to be provided any service or benefit. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that intended beneficiaries of this Agreement are provided services without regard to ability to pay or source of payment, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, or physical or mental handicap, or medical conditions.

B. Contractor shall establish and maintain written complaint procedures under which any person applying for or receiving any services under this Agreement may seek resolution from Contractor of a complaint with respect to any alleged discrimination in the rendering of services by Contractor's personnel. Such procedures shall also include a provision whereby any such person, who is dissatisfied with Contractor's resolution of the matter, shall be referred by Contractor to Director for the purpose of presenting his complaint of the alleged discrimination. Such complaint procedures shall also indicate that if such person is not satisfied with County's resolution or decision with respect to the complaint of alleged discrimination, such person may appeal the matter to the State, if appropriate.

C. If direct services (i.e., 24-hour services, case management services, day services, and outpatient services) are provided hereunder, Contractor shall have admission policies which are in accordance with CCR Title 9, Sections 526 and 527, and which shall be in writing and available to the public. Contractor shall not employ discriminatory practices in the admission of any person, assignment of accommodations, or otherwise. Any time any person applies for services under this Agreement, such person shall be advised by Contractor of the complaint procedures described in the above paragraph. A copy of such complaint procedures shall be posted by Contractor in a conspicuous place, available and open to the public, in each of Contractor's facilities where services are provided under this Agreement.

11. NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT:

- A. Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by it without regard to, or because of, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical handicap, or political affiliation, and in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.
- B. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical handicap, or political affiliation. Such action shall include, but is not limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- C. Contractor shall deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, marital status, physical handicap, or political affiliation.
- D. Contractor shall allow County representatives access to its employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph 17 when so requested by Director.
- E. If County finds that any of the above provisions has been violated, the same shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement. While County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Agreement have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that Contractor has violated State or Federal anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by County that Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Agreement.
- F. In the event that Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Paragraph 17, County shall be entitled, at its option, to the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as

- liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Agreement.
- 2 12. FAIR LABOR STANDARDS: Contractor shall comply with all applicable
- 3 provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and shall indemnify, defend, and
- 4 hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from any and all liability,
- 5 including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court
- 6 costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law, including, but not limited
- 7 to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, for services performed by Contractor's
- 8 employees for which County may be found jointly or solely liable.

13. **INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**:

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- A. <u>Indemnification</u>: Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless County, and its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Agreement.
- B. <u>General Insurance Requirements</u>: Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County and during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall provide and maintain, and shall require all of its subcontractors to maintain, the following programs of insurance specified in this Agreement. Such insurance shall be primary to and not contributing with any other insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by County, and such coverage shall be provided and maintained at Contractor's own expense.
- 1) Evidence of Insurance: Certificate(s) or other evidence of coverage satisfactory to County shall be delivered to Department of Mental Health, 550 South Vermont Avenue, Contracts Development and Administration Division, 5th Floor, Los Angeles, CA, 90020, prior to commencing services under this Agreement. Such certificates or other evidence shall:
 - (a) Specifically identify this Agreement.
- (b) Clearly evidence all coverages required in this Agreement.
- 30 (c) Contain the express condition that County is to be given written notice by mail at least 30 days in advance of cancellation for all policies

evidenced on the certificate of insurance.

- (d) Include copies of the additional insured endorsement to the commercial general liability policy, adding the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, its officials, officers and employees as insureds for all activities arising from this Agreement.
- (e) Identify any deductibles or self-insured retentions for County's approval. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as they apply to County, or, require Contractor to provide a bond guaranteeing payment of all such retained losses and related costs, including, but not limited to, expenses or fees, or both, related to investigations, claims administrations, and legal defense. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.
- 2) <u>Insurer Financial Ratings</u>: Insurance is to be provided by an insurance company acceptable to the County with an A.M. Best rating of not less than A:VII, unless otherwise approved by County.
- 3) <u>Failure to Maintain Coverage</u>: Failure by Contractor to maintain the required insurance, or to provide evidence of insurance coverage acceptable to County, shall constitute a material breach of the contract upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement. County, at its sole option, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, County may purchase such required insurance coverage, and without further notice to Contractor, County may deduct from sums due to Contractor any premium costs advanced by County for such insurance.
 - 4) <u>Notification of Incidents, Claims or Suits</u>: Contractor shall report to County:
- (a) Any accident or incident relating to services performed under this Agreement which involves injury or property damage which may result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County. Such report shall be made in writing within 24 hours of occurrence.
- (b) Any third party claim or lawsuit filed against Contractor arising from or related to services performed by Contractor under this Agreement.

1 (c) Any injury to a Contractor employee which occurs on County 2 property. This report shall be submitted on a County "Non-employee Injury Report" to 3 the County contract manager. 4 (d) Any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of any kind whatsoever of County property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor under 5 the terms of this Agreement. 6 7 5) Compensation for County Costs: In the event that Contractor fails to comply with any of the indemnification or insurance requirements of this Agreement, 8 9 and such failure to comply results in any costs to County, Contractor shall pay full compensation for all costs incurred by County. 10 11 6) Insurance Coverage Requirements for Subcontractors: Contractor shall ensure any and all sub-contractors performing services under this Agreement meet 12 the insurance requirements of this Agreement by either: 13 14 Contractor providing evidence of insurance covering the (a) activities of sub-contractors, or 15 16 (b) Contractor providing evidence submitted by sub-contractors evidencing that sub-contractors maintain the required insurance coverage. County 17 18 retains the right to obtain copies of evidence of sub-contractor insurance coverage at any time. 19 C. 20 **Insurance Coverage Requirements:** 1) General Liability: Insurance (written on ISO policy form CG 00 01 or 21 22 its equivalent) with limits of not less than the following: General Aggregate: 23 Two Million Dollars 24 (\$2,000,000) 25 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate: One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) 26 27 Personal and Advertising Injury: One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) 28 Each Occurrence: One Million Dollars 29 30 (\$1,000,000) 2) Automobile Liability: Insurance (written on ISO policy form CA 00 31

1 01 or its equivalent) with a limit of liability of not less than Three Hundred Thousand 2 Dollars (\$300,000) for each accident. Such insurance shall include coverage for all 3 "owned", "hired" and "non-owned" vehicles, or coverage for "any auto".

3) Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability: Insurance providing workers compensation benefits, as required by the Labor Code of the State of California or by any other state, and for which Contractor is responsible. If Contractor's employees will be engaged in maritime employment, coverage shall provide workers compensation benefits as required by the U.S. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, Jones Act or any other Federal law for which Contractor is responsible. In all cases, the above insurance also shall include Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than the following:

Each Accident: One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) Disease – policy limit: One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) Disease – each employee: One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) Contractors are not required to carry Worker's Compensation Insurance for subcontractors or independent contractors. Subcontractors/Independent contractors must obtain individual Worker's Compensation insurance in accordance with applicable law.

- 4.) <u>Professional Liability</u>: Insurance covering liability arising from any error, omission, negligent or wrongful act by the Contractor, its officers, or employees. Such insurance also shall cover professional liability arising from any error, omission, negligent or wrongful act by any independent contractor(s) engaged by the Contractor to provide psychiatrist services as specified in this Agreement. Such insurance shall provide limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) aggregate. The contractor is providing professional liability insurance coverage for its actions and the subcontractors. The coverage also shall provide an extended two-year reporting period commencing upon termination or cancellation of this Agreement.
- 14. **FAILURE TO PROCURE INSURANCE**: Failure on the part of Contractor to procure or maintain the required insurance in Paragraph 13 above shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County shall give Contractor written

- 1 "Notice of Material Breach". If such breach is not cured, retroactive to the effective date
- of this Agreement, within ten (10) business days following the giving of such Notice, then
- 3 County may, at County's sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement pursuant
- 4 to the provisions of Paragraph 1, TERM AND TERMINATION, of this Agreement.
- 5 County's failure to exercise this right of termination shall not constitute waiver of such
- 6 right, and the same may be exercised at any subsequent time.
- 7 15. CONTRACTOR'S OFFICES: Contractor's business address is noted in
- 8 Paragraph 55, NOTICES, below. Contractor shall notify in writing County's Department
- 9 of Mental Health of any change in its business address at least ten (10) working days
- prior to the effective date thereof.
- 11 If during the term of this Agreement, the corporate or other legal status of Contractor
- changes, or the name of Contractor changes, then Contractor shall notify County's DMH,
- in writing detailing such changes at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective
- 14 date thereof.
- 15 16. NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS CONDITION: Notwithstanding any other
- provision of this Agreement, County shall not be obligated for Contractor's performance
- hereunder during any of County's July 1 through June 30 fiscal years unless and until
- 18 County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for this Agreement in County's Budget
- 19 for each such fiscal year. If County's Board of Supervisors fails to appropriate funds for
- any such fiscal year, this Agreement shall be deemed to have terminated on June 30th
- of the prior fiscal year. County shall notify Contractor in writing of such non-appropriation
- of funds at the earliest possible date.
- 23 17. WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES: Contractor warrants that no
- 24 person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this
- 25 Agreement upon any agreement or understanding for any commission, percentage,
- brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established
- 27 commercial or selling agencies maintained by Contractor for the purpose of securing
- business. For Contractor's breach or violation of this warranty, County may, in its sole
- 29 discretion, deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the
- full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

18. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**:

- A. No County employee whose position in County enables such employee to influence the award or administration of this Agreement or any competing agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by Contractor or have any direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement. No officer or employee of Contractor who may financially benefit from the provision of services hereunder shall in any way participate in County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such services, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such services.
- B. Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Agreement. Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts which create a conflict of interest. If Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts which might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to County. Full written disclosure shall include, without limitation, identification of all persons implicated and complete description of all relevant circumstances.
- 19. <u>UNLAWFUL SOLICITATION</u>: Contractor shall require all of its employees to acknowledge, in writing, understanding of and agreement to comply with the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 4 'of Division 3 (commencing with Section 6l50) of California Business and Professions Code (i.e., State Bar Act provisions regarding unlawful solicitation as a runner or capper for attorneys) and shall take positive and affirmative steps in its performance hereunder to insure that there is no violation of such provisions by its employees. Contractor shall utilize the attorney referral service of all those bar associations within the County of Los Angeles that have such a service.

20. **INDEPENDENT STATUS OF CONTRACTOR:**

A. This Agreement is by and between County and Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between County and Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

B. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Agreement all compensation and benefits. County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of Contractor.

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- C. Contractor does not employ the Psychiatrists who perform services pursuant to this Agreement, but will enter into independent contracts with the Psychiatrists to carry out the services needed by the County. Independent contract Psychiatrists are not employees of County or Contractor. County nor Contractor assumes responsibility for social security payments, worker's compensation insurance, unemployment or health insurance for the independent contractor Psychiatrists placed at County facilities by Contractor
- D Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 279, as codified in Chapter 5 of Division 2 of the California Business and Professions Code Section 2418, the parties acknowledge that Contractor, as a Locum Tenens agency, is not for purposes of California law, considered an employment agency. To the extent any provisions of the Agreement conflict with SB 279, the provisions of SB 279 shall govern and prevail. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and in accordance with SB 279, Contractor's temporary psychiatric personnel shall be considered "independent contractors" and Contractor shall, consistent with Paragraph 22, SUBCONTRACTING, under this Agreement, execute with all independent contractors the requisite subcontract as described in Paragraph 22.

21. **DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT BY CONTRACTOR:**

A. Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to this Agreement, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Agreement shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims which Contractor may have against County.

- B. Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of this Agreement, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Agreement.
- C. Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of this Agreement which may result in the termination of this Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

22. SUBCONTRACTING:

- A. No performance of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, shall be subcontracted by Contractor without the prior written consent of County as provided in this Paragraph 22. Any attempt by Contractor to subcontract any performance, obligation, or responsibility under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of County, shall be null and void and shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event of any such breach by Contractor, this Agreement may be terminated forthwith by County. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the parties do not in any way intend that any person or entity shall acquire any rights as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.
- B. If Contractor desires to subcontract any portion of its performance, obligations, or responsibilities under this Agreement, Contractor shall make a written request to County for written approval to enter into the particular subcontract. Contractor's request to County shall include:
 - (1) The reasons for the particular subcontract.

(2) A detailed description of the services to be provided by the subcontract.

- (3) Identification of the proposed subcontractor and an explanation of why and how the proposed subcontractor was selected, including the degree of competition involved.
- (4) A description of the proposed subcontract amount and manner of compensation, together with Contractor's cost or price analysis thereof.
- (5) A copy of the proposed subcontract which shall contain the following provision:

"This contract is a subcontract under the terms of the prime contract with the County of Los Angeles and shall be subject to all of the provisions of such prime contract."

(6) A copy of the proposed subcontract, if in excess of \$10,000 and utilizes State funds, shall also contain the following provision:

"The contracting parties shall be subject to the examination and audit of the Auditor General for a period of three (3) years after final payment under contract (Government Code, Section 8546.7)."

The Contractor will also be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor General for a period of three (3) years after final payment under contract (Government Code, Section 8546.7).

- (7) Any other information and/or certifications requested by County.
- C. County shall review Contractor's request to subcontract and shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether or not to consent to such request on a case-by-case basis.
- D. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and legal fees, arising from or related to Contractor's use of any subcontractor, including any officers, employees, or agents of any subcontractor, in the same manner as required for Contractor, its officers, employees, and agents, under this Agreement.
 - E. Notwithstanding any County consent to any subcontracting, Contractor

shall remain fully liable and responsible for any and all performance required of it under this Agreement, and no subcontract shall bind or purport to bind County. Further, County approval of any subcontract shall not be construed to limit in any way Contractor's performance, obligations, or responsibilities, to County, nor shall such approval limit in any way any of County's rights or remedies contained in this Agreement. Additionally, County approval of any subcontract shall not be construed in any way to constitute the determination of the allowability or appropriateness of any cost or payment under this Agreement.

- F. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, such consent shall be subject to County's right to give prior and continuing approval of any and all subcontractor personnel providing services under such subcontract. Contractor shall assure that any subcontractor personnel not approved by County shall be immediately removed from the provision of any services under the particular subcontract or that other action is taken as requested by County. County shall not be liable or responsible in any way to Contractor, to any subcontractor, or to any officers, employees, or agents of Contractor or any subcontractor, for any liability, damages, costs or expenses arising from or related to County's exercise of such right.
- G. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, such consent shall be subject to County's right to terminate, in whole or in part, any subcontract at any time upon written notice to Contractor when such action is deemed by County to be in its best interest. County shall not be liable or responsible in any way to Contractor, to any subcontractor, or to any officers, employees, or agents of Contractor or any subcontractor, for any liability, damages, costs, or expenses arising from or related to County's exercise of such right.
- H. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, each and all of the provisions of this Agreement and any amendment thereto shall extend to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors or administrators of the respective parties.
- I. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, such consent shall apply to each particular subcontract only and shall not be, or be construed to be, a waiver of this Paragraph 23 or a blanket consent to any further subcontracting.

- J. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for any and all payments and/or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, and agents. County shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any payment and/or other compensation for any subcontractors or their officers, employees, and agents.
- K. Contractor shall deliver to the Chief of DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division a fully executed copy of each subcontract entered into by Contractor pursuant to this Paragraph 22, on or immediately after the effective date of the subcontract but in no event later than the date any services are performed under the subcontract.
- L. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, Contractor shall obtain and maintain on file an executed Subcontractor Employee Acknowledgment of Employer, in the form as contained in Contractor's Negotiation Package for the Agreement, for each of the subcontractor's employees performing services under the subcontract. Such Acknowledgments shall be delivered to the Chief of DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division on or immediately after the commencement date of the particular subcontract but in no event later than the date such employee first performs any services under the subcontract.
- M. County shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any payment or other compensation for any subcontractor or its officers, employees, and agents.
- N. Director is hereby authorized to act for and on behalf of County pursuant to this Paragraph 22, including, but not limited to, consenting to any subcontracting.
- 23. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION AND VENUE: This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Agreement and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles, California. Further, this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, all laws, regulations, and contractual obligations of County under its agreement with the State.

24. **COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW:**

- A. Contractor shall comply with all Federal, including, but not limited to, Title XIX of the Social Security Act, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and directives applicable to its performance hereunder. Further, all provisions required thereby to be included in this Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- B. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County from and against any and all liability, damages, costs or expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and attorneys' fees, arising from or related to any violation on the part of Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents, of any such Federal, State or local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, ADA standards, or directives.
- C. Contractor shall maintain in effect an active compliance program in accordance with the recommendations set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General.
- D. <u>Duty to Notify:</u> Contractor agrees to notify County of any and all legal complaints, citations, enforcement proceedings, administrative proceedings, judgments or litigation, known to Contractor, whether civil or criminal initiated against Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents which are likely to have a material effect on the organization's stewardship, financial position and/or ability to perform and deliver services under this contract.

25. <u>LICENSES</u>, <u>PERMITS</u>, <u>REGISTRATIONS</u>, <u>ACCREDITATIONS</u>, <u>AND</u> <u>CERTIFICATES</u>:

A. Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates (including, but not limited to, certification as a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal provider if Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services are provided hereunder), as required by all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, which are applicable to Contractor's facility(ies) and services under this Agreement. Contractor shall further ensure that all of its officers, employees, and agents, who perform services hereunder, shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates which are

- applicable to their performance hereunder. A copy of each such license, permit, registration, accreditation, and certificate (including, but not limited to, certification as a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal provider if Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services are provided hereunder) as required by all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines and directives shall be provided, in duplicate, to DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division.
 - B. If Contractor is a participant in the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal program, Contractor shall keep fully informed of all current Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Policy Letters, including, but not limited to, procedures for maintaining Medi-Cal certification of all its facilities.

26. **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT**:

- A. County may, by written notice of default to Contractor, terminate this Agreement immediately in any one of the following circumstances:
- (1) If, as determined in the sole judgment of County, Contractor fails to perform any services within the times specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof as County may authorize in writing; or
- (2) If, as determined in the sole judgment of County, Contractor fails to perform and/or comply with any of the other provisions of this Agreement, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances, does not cure such failure within a period of five days (or such longer period as County may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from County specifying such failure.
- B. In the event that County terminates this Agreement as provided in Subparagraph A, County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as County may deem appropriate, services similar to those so terminated, and Contractor shall be liable to County for any reasonable excess costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such similar services.
- C. The rights and remedies of County provided in this Paragraph 25 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

27. TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION: County may, by written notice to Contractor, immediately terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee or agent with the intent of securing the Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment or extension of the Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to the Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (213) 974-0914 or (800) 544-6861.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

28. **TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY**:

- A. County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:
- (1) Insolvency of Contractor. Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least sixty days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the Federal Bankruptcy Code and whether or not Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code.
- (2) The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code.
 - (3) The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for Contractor.
 - (4) The execution by Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.
- B. The rights and remedies of County provided in this Paragraph 45 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement

- 1 29. **SEVERABILITY**: If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to
- 2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement and the
- 3 application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected
- 4 thereby.
- 5 30. CAPTIONS AND PARAGRAPH HEADINGS: Captions and paragraph headings
- 6 used in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not a part of this Agreement
- 7 and shall not be used in construing this Agreement.
- 8 31. WAIVER: No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of this Agreement
- 9 shall constitute a waiver of any other breach of such provision. Failure of County to
- enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Agreement shall not be
- 11 construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this Paragraph 29
- shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by
- law or under this Agreement.
- 14 32. **EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION**: Contractor warrants that it fully
- 15 complies with all Federal statutes and regulations regarding employment of aliens and
- others and that all its employees performing services hereunder meet the citizenship or
- alien status requirements set forth in Federal statutes and regulations. Contractor shall
- obtain, from all covered employees performing services hereunder, all verification and
- other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal statutes and
- 20 regulations as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. Contractor
- shall retain all such documentation for the period prescribed by law. Contractor shall
- 22 indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers and employees from and
- against any employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against
- 24 Contractor or County in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal statutes or
- regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of persons performing services
- under this Agreement.
- 27 33. AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY: Contractor represents and warrants that the
- person executing this Agreement for Contractor is an authorized agent who has actual
- 29 authority to bind Contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this
- 30 Agreement and that all requirements of Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such
- 31 actual authority.

- 1 34. <u>RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING</u>: If any Federal funds are to be used to pay for any of Contractor's services under this Agreement, Contractor shall fully comply with all certification and disclosure requirements prescribed by Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 (31 United States Code Section 1352) and any implementing regulations, and shall ensure that each of its subcontractors receiving funds under this Agreement also fully complies with all such certification and disclosure requirements.
 - 35. CERTIFICATION OF DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE: Contractor certifies and agrees that Contractor and its employees shall comply with DMH's policy of maintaining a drug-free work place. Contractor and its employees shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use any controlled substances as defined in 21 United States Code Section 812, including, but not limited to, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and amphetamines, at any of Contractor's facilities or work sites or County's facilities or work sites. If Contractor or any of its employees is convicted of or pleads nolo contendere to any criminal drug statute violation occurring at any such facility or work site, then Contractor, within five days thereafter, shall notify Director in writing.
 - 36. <u>COUNTY LOBBYISTS</u>: Contractor and each County lobbyist or County lobbying firm as defined in Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by Contractor, shall fully comply with County's Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of Contractor or any County lobbyist or County lobbying firm retained by Contractor to fully comply with County's Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

37. CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM:

A. <u>Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance</u>

<u>Program</u>: Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from County through contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family, and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

As required by County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting Contractor's duty under this Agreement to comply with all applicable provisions of law, Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and

- shall during the term of this Agreement maintain in compliance with employment and
- wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC
- 3 Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall
- 4 implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholdings Orders or Child Support
- 5 Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family, or
- 6 Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code
- 7 Section 5246(b).
- 8 B. Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's
- 9 Child Support Compliance Program: Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with
- the requirements set forth in Subparagraph A (Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to
- 11 County's Child Support Compliance Program) shall constitute default under this
- 12 Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other
- provision of this Agreement, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 90 calendar
- 14 days of written notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this
- 15 Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 34 (TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT) and pursue
- debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.
- 17 38. NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME
- 18 **CREDIT**: Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to
- notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the federal Earned Income Credit
- under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the
- requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015.
- 22 39. USE OF RECYCLED-CONTENT PAPER PRODUCTS: Consistent with the
- 23 Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County
- landfills, the Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent
- possible on the Project.

26 40. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT:

- A. A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the
- 28 attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to
- 29 satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with
- 30 responsible contractors.

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B. The Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of

the County Code, if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other Agreements which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the Agreement, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County Agreements for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five years but may exceed five years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing Agreements the Contractor may have with the County.

- C. The County may debar a Contractor if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of an Agreement with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.
- D. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
- E. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
- F. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision and any other recommendation of the

- Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Hearing Board.
- G. If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five years, that Contractor may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interest of the County.
- H. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.
- I. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
 - J. These terms shall also apply to subcontractors of County Contractors.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY 41. 1 AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION - LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS (45 2 C.F.R. PART 76): The Contractor hereby acknowledges that the County is prohibited 3 from contracting with and making sub-awards to parties that are suspended, debarred, 4 ineligible, or excluded or whose principals are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or 5 excluded from securing federally funded contracts. By executing this Agreement, 6 Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its owners, officers, partners, directors or 7 other principals is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing 8 federally funded contracts. Further, by executing this Agreement, Contractor certifies 9 that, to its knowledge, none of its subcontractors, at any tier, or any owner, officer, 10 partner, director or other principal of any subcontractor is currently suspended, debarred. 11 ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Contractor shall 12 immediately notify County in writing, during the term of this Agreement, should it or any 13 of its subcontractors or any principals of either be suspended, debarred, ineligible, or 14 excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Failure of Contractor to comply with 15 this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County 16 may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement. 17

Country's QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN: The County or its agent will evaluate Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all contract terms and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, County may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

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43. **REPORTS**: Contractor shall make reports as required by Director regarding Contractor's activities and operations as they relate to Contractor's performance of this Agreement. In no event may County require such reports unless it has provided Contractor with at least thirty days' prior written notification. County shall provide Contractor with a written explanation of the procedures for reporting the required

- 1 information.
- 2 44. CONSIDERATION OF HIRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES TARGETED FOR
- 3 LAYOFF OR FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEES ON A REEMPLOYMENT LIST: Should
- 4 Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this
- 5 Agreement to perform the services set forth herein, Contractor shall give first
- 6 consideration for such employment openings to qualified permanent County employees
- 7 who are targeted for layoff or qualified former County employees who are on a
- 8 reemployment list during the term of this Agreement.
- 9 45. CONSIDERATION FOR HIRING GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE
- 10 (GAIN) PARTICIPANTS: Should Contractor require additional or replacement personnel
- after the effective date of this Agreement, Contractor shall give consideration for any
- such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social
- 13 Services' Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program who meet Contractor's
- minimum qualifications for the open position. The County will refer GAIN participants by
- job category to the contractor.
- 16 46. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES: Notwithstanding any other provision of this
- Agreement, the parties do not in any way intend that any person or entity shall acquire
- any rights as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.
- 19 47. ALTERATION OF TERMS: No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of the
- 20 body of this Agreement, or Statement of Work or Fee Schedule hereto, whether by
- written or oral understanding of the parties, their officers, employees or agents, shall
- 22 be valid and effective unless made in the form of a written amendment to this
- 23 Agreement which is formally approved and executed by the parties in the same
- 24 manner as this Agreement.
- The County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Administrative Officer or designee
- 26 may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the
- 27 Agreement during the term of this Agreement. The County reserves the right to add
- and/or change such provisions as required by the County's Board of Supervisors or
- 29 Chief Administrative Officer. To implement such orders, an Amendment to the
- 30 Agreement shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the Director of
- 31 Mental Health.

48. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**: The body of this Agreement and Exhibits A, B, C, D,E,F and G attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, shall constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties which supersedes all previous agreements, written or oral, and all other communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, or schedule, or the contents or description of any service or other work, or otherwise, between the body of this Agreement and the exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the body of this Agreement and then to such other documents according to the following priority:

Exhibit A--DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES Exhibit B--BILLING, PAYMENT AND SCHEDULE OF RATES Exhibit C--ATTESTATION REGARDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS Exhibit D--SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW Exhibit E--CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT Exhibit F--SUBCONTRACT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALIT AGREEMENT Exhibit G—CONTRACTORS CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COMPLIANCE

49. **PERFORMANCE UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS**:

- A. <u>FORCE MAJEURE</u>: In the event that performance by either party is rendered impossible (permanent or temporarily) by governmental restrictions, regulation or controls or other causes beyond the reasonable control of such party, said event shall excuse performance by such party, or in the case of temporary impossibility, shall excuse performance only for a period commensurate with the period of impossibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon any event which renders performance impossible. In such case, County shall be responsible for payment of all expenses incurred to the point at which this Agreement is terminated.
- B. <u>CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE DURING CIVIL UNREST OR</u>

 DISASTER: Contractor and its subcontractor(s) recognize that health care facilities (e.g.,

residential health care facilities) maintained by County, and the participants that they serve, provide care that is essential to the residents of the community they serve, and that these services are of particular importance at the time of riot, insurrection, civil unrest, natural disaster, or similar event. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, full performance by Contractor and its subcontractor(s) during any riot, insurrection, civil unrest, natural disaster or similar event is not excused if such performance remains physically possible. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be considered a material breach by Contractor for which Director may suspend of County may immediate terminate this Agreement.

- C. <u>EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS</u>: Notwithstanding Contractor's and County's contractual objective to provide services to eligible persons, Contractor shall make program services available to any person impacted during the event of a State/nationally declared emergency, contingent upon the availability and commitment of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or State Office of Emergency Services (OES) funds with which to reimburse Contractor for funds expended.
- CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION AS A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE UNDER THE 50. **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996: Under** this Agreement, Contractor ("Business Associate") provides services ("Services") to County ("Covered Entity") and Business Associate receives, has access to, or creates Protected Health Information in order to provide those Services. Covered Entity is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information ("the Privacy Regulations") and the Health Insurance Reform: Security Standards ("the Security Regulations") at 45 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 160 and 164 ("together, the "Privacy and Security Regulations").

The Privacy and Security Regulations require Covered Entity to enter into a contract with Business Associate in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and those Regulations prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Business Associate if such a

contract is not in place.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 "<u>Disclose</u>" or "<u>Disclosure</u>" means, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside Business Associate's internal operations or to other than its employees.
- 1.2 "Electronic Media" has the same meaning as the term "electronic media" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Media means (1) Electronic storage media including memory devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; or (2) Transmission media used to exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media include, for example, the internet (wide-open), extranet (using internet technology to link a business with information accessible only to collaborating parties), leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media, because the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form before the transmission.
- 1.3 "<u>Electronic Protected Health Information</u>" has the same meaning as the term "electronic protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Protected Health Information means Protected Health Information that is (i) transmitted by electronic media; (ii) maintained in electronic media.
- 1.4 "Individual" means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(g).
- 1.5 "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. Protected Health Information includes information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium, that (i) relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an

Individual; the provision of health care to an Individual, or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an Individual; (ii) identifies the Individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (iii) is received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, or is created by Business Associate, or is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Health Information.

- 1.6 "Required By Law" means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information and that is enforceable in a court of law. Required by law includes, but is not limited to, court orders and court-ordered warrants; subpoenas or summons issued by a court, grand jury, a governmental or tribal inspector general, or any administrative body authorized to require the production of information; a civil or an authorized investigative demand; Medicare conditions of participation with respect to health care providers participating in the program; and statutes or regulations that require the production of information, including statutes or regulations that require such information if payment is sought under a government program providing benefits.
- 1.7 "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, Use, Disclosure, modification, or destruction of information in, or interference with system operations of, an Information System which contains Electronic Protected Health Information. However, Security Incident does not include attempts to access an Information System when those attempts are not reasonably considered by Business Associate to constitute an actual threat to the Information System.
 - 1.8 "Services" has the same meaning as in the body of this Agreement.
- 1.9 "<u>Use</u>" or "<u>Uses</u>" means, with respect to Protected Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Information within Business Associate's internal operations.
- 1.10 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Paragraph shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Regulations.

OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

2.1 Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information.

1	Business Associate:		
2		(a)	shall Use and Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary
3	to perform the Services, and as provided in Sections 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 4.3 and		
4	5.2 of this Agreement;		
5		(b)	shall Disclose Protected Health Information to Covered Entity upon
6	request;		
7		c)	may, as necessary for the proper management and administration
8			of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities:
9		(i)	Use Protected Health Information; and
10		(ii)	Disclose Protected Health Information if the Disclosure is Required
11	by Law.		
12	Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for any other		
13	purpose.		
14	2.2	Adec	<u>juate Safeguards for Protected Health Information</u> . Business
15	Associate:		
16			(a) shall implement and maintain appropriate safeguards to
17	prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information in an		
18	manner other than as permitted by this Paragraph. Business Associate		
19	agrees to limit the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information to		
20	the minimum necessary in accordance with the Privacy Regulation'		
21	minimum necessary standard.		
22	(b) effective as of April 20, 2005, specifically as to Electronic Healt		
23		Infor	mation, shall implement and maintain administrative, physical, and
24		techr	nical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the
25		confi	dentiality, integrity, and availability of Electronic Protected Health
26		Infor	mation.
27	2.3	Repo	orting Non-Permitted Use or Disclosure and Security Incidents
28	Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity each Use or Disclosure that is mad		

Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity each Use or Disclosure that is made by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors but is not specifically permitted by this Agreement, and effective as of April 20, 2005, shall report to Covered Entity each Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes

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aware. The initial report shall be made by telephone call to the Department of Mental Health's Privacy Officer, telephone number 1(213) 738-4864 within forty-eight (48) hours from the time the Business Associate becomes aware of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure or Security Incident, followed by a full written report no later than ten (10) business days from the date the Business Associate becomes aware of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure or Security Incident to the Chief Privacy Officer at:

Chief Privacy Officer, County of Los Angeles

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street.

Suite 525

Los Angeles, CA 90012

- 2.4 <u>Mitigation of Harmful Effect</u>. Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Paragraph.
- Agencies. Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information available to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations. Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.
- 2.6 Access to Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make the Protected Health Information specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and copy that Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall provide such access for inspection of that Protected Health Information within two (2) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity. Business Associate shall provide copies of that Protected Health Information within five

(5) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity.

- 2.7 <u>Amendment of Protected Health Information</u>. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make any amendments to Protected Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity. Business Associate shall make such amendment within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.
- 2.8 Accounting of Disclosures. Business Associate agrees to maintain documentation of the information required to provide an accounting of Disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528, and to make this information available to Covered Entity upon Covered Entity's request, in order to allow Covered Entity to respond to an Individual's request for accounting of disclosures. However, Business Associate is not required to provide an accounting of Disclosures that are necessary to perform its Services if such Disclosures are for either payment or health care operations purposes, or both. Additionally, such accounting is limited to disclosures that were made in the six (6) years prior to the request (not including disclosures that were made prior to the compliance date of the Privacy Rule, April 14, 2003) and shall be provided for as long as Business Associate maintains the Protected Health Information.

Any accounting provided by Business Associate under this Section 2.8 shall include: (a) the date of the Disclosure; (b) the name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information; (c) a brief description of the Protected Health Information disclosed; and (d) a brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure. For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under this Section 2.8, Business Associate shall document the information specified in (a) through (d), above, and shall securely maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with this Section 2.8 to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45

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ORI IGATION OF	COVERED ENTITY

3.1 <u>Obligation of Covered Entity</u>. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the use of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of the Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own uses and disclosures accordingly.

TERM AND TERMINATION

- 4.1 <u>Term.</u> The term of this Paragraph shall be the same as the term of this Agreement. Business Associate's obligations under Sections 2.1 (as modified by Section 4.2), 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 4.3 and 5.2 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 4.2 <u>Termination for Cause</u>. In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in this Agreement, upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, Covered Entity shall either:
- (a) Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by Covered Entity;
- (b) Immediately terminate this Agreement if Business Associate has breached a material term of this Paragraph and cure is not possible; or
- (c) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.
- 4.3 <u>Disposition of Protected Health Information Upon Termination or Expiration</u>. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Agreement, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.
 - (b) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or

destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make it infeasible. If return or destruction is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further Uses and Disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 5.1 <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Nothing in this Paragraph shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.
- 5.2 <u>Use of Subcontractors and Agents</u>. Business Associate shall require each of its agents and subcontractors that receive Protected Health Information from Business Associate, or create Protected Health Information for Business Associate, on behalf of Covered Entity, to execute a written agreement obligating the agent or subcontractor to comply with all the terms of this Paragraph.
- 5.3 <u>Relationship to Services Agreement Provisions</u>. In the event that a provision of this Paragraph is contrary to another provision of this Agreement, the provision of this Paragraph shall control. Otherwise, this Paragraph shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of this Agreement.
- 5.4 <u>Regulatory References</u>. A reference in this Paragraph to a section in the Privacy or Security Regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.
- 5.5 <u>Interpretation</u>. Any ambiguity in this Paragraph shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy and Security Regulations.
- 5.6 <u>Amendment</u>. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Paragraph from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy and Security Regulations."

51. **COMPLIANCE WITH JURY SERVICE PROGRAM:**

A <u>Jury Service Program</u>: This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program")

as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code.

B Written Employee Jury Service Policy:

- 1.1 Unless Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
- 1.2 For purposes of this Section, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has an Agreement with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County Agreements or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Agreement, the subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this Section. The provisions of this Section shall be inserted into any such subcontract Agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the Agreement.
- 1.3 If Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Agreement commences, Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and Contractor shall immediately notify County if Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Program. In either event, Contractor shall immediately implement

- a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require,
- 2 at any time during the Agreement and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate
- to the County's satisfaction that Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury
- 4 Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that Contractor continues to qualify
- 5 for an exception to the Program.
- 6 1.4 Contractor's violation of this section of the Agreement may
- 7 constitute a material breach of the Agreement. In the event of such material breach,
- 8 County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement and/or bar Contractor from
- 9 the award of future County Agreements for a period of time consistent with the
- 10 seriousness of the breach.
- 11 52. WARRANTY: Contractor represents and warrants that its signatory to this
- Agreement is fully authorized to obligate the Contractor and that all acts necessary to the
- execution of this Agreement have performed.
- 14 53. NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY
- LAW: The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each
- subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely
- Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how
- to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is set forth in Attachment VII of this
- Agreement and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing
- 20 purposes.
- 21 54. CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO
- 22 THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW: The Contractor acknowledges that the
- 23 County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law.
- The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County
- 25 Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a
- prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also
- encourage its subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the
- subcontractor's place of business. The County's Department of Children and Family
- 29 Services will supply the Contractor with the poster to be used.
- 30 55. COUNTY'S OBLIGATION FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE FISCAL YEARS:
- 31 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement shall not be

- 1 effective and binding upon the parties unless and until County's Board of Supervisors
- 2 appropriates funds for purposes hereof in County's Budget for County's current Fiscal
- 3 Year. Further, County shall not be obligated for Contractor's performance hereunder or
- 4 by any provision of this Agreement during any of County's future Fiscal Years unless and
- 5 until County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for purposes hereof in County's
- 6 Budget for each such future Fiscal Year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for
- 7 this Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate as of June 30 of the last Fiscal Year
- 8 for which funds were appropriated.

9 56. <u>LIMITATION OF COUNTY'S OBLIGATION DUE TO NON-APPROPRIATION OF</u>

10 **FUNDS**:

- Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, COUNTY shall not be obligated
- 12 for CONTRACTOR's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Agreement
- during this or any of COUNTY's future fiscal years unless and until COUNTY's Board of
- 14 Supervisors appropriates funds for this Agreement in COUNTY's Budget for each such
- 15 fiscal year. Should COUNTY, during this or any subsequent fiscal year impose
- budgetary restrictions which appropriate less than the amount provided for in this
- 17 Agreement, COUNTY shall reduce services under this Agreement consistent with such
- imposed budgetary reductions. In the event funds are not appropriated for this
- Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for
- 20 which funds were appropriated. COUNTY shall notify CONTRACTOR of any such
- changes in allocation of funds at the earliest possible date.

22 57. CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY

- 23 **FUNDED PROGRAM**: Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its staff
- 24 members is restricted or excluded from providing services under any health care
- program funded by the Federal government, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, and
- that Contractor will notify Director within 30 calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that
- would require Contractor or a staff member's mandatory exclusion from participation in a
- Federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary action taken by any
- 29 agency of the Federal government against Contractor or one or more staff members
- 30 barring it or the staff members from participation in a Federally funded health care
- program, whether such bar is direct or indirect, or whether such bar is in whole or in part.

There are a variety of different reasons why an individual or entity may be excluded from participating in a Federally funded health care program. Sometimes, the exclusion is mandatory and in other cases the OIG has the discretion not to exclude.

The mandatory bases for exclusion include: (1) felony convictions for program related crimes, including fraud or false claims, or for offenses related to the dispensing or use of controlled substances, or (2) convictions related to patient abuse.

Permissive exclusions may be based on: (1) conviction of a misdemeanor related to fraud or financial misconduct involving a government program; (2) obstructing an investigation; (3) failing to provide access to documents or premises as required by federal healthcare program officials; (4) conviction of a misdemeanor related to controlled substances; (5) failing to disclose information about the entity itself, its subcontractors or its significant business transactions; (6) loss of a state license to practice a healthcare profession; (7) default on a student loan given in connection with education in a health profession; (8) charging excessive amounts to a Federally funded health care program or furnishing services of poor quality or which are substantially in excess of the needs of the patients; (9) paying a kickback or submitting a false or fraudulent claim. Persons controlling or managing excluded entities who knew of the conduct leading to the exclusion can themselves be excluded, and entities which are owned and controlled by excluded individuals can also be excluded.

Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all loss or damage County may suffer arising from any Federal exclusion of Contractor or its staff members from such participation in a Federally funded health care program. Contractor shall provide the certification set forth in Exhibit E as part of its obligation under this Paragraph.

Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this Paragraph shall constitute a material breach of Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

58. **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND OUTCOME MEASURES**: The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and County policies and procedures relating to performance standards and outcome measures. This is applicable whenever specific Federal or State funding, which has policies or procedures for

performance standards and/or outcome measures has been included as part of the Contractor's contract and shall apply for all County policies, procedures, or departmental bulletins approved by the Director or his designee for performance standards and/or outcome measures. County will notify Contractor whenever County policies or procedures are to apply to this contract provision (e.g., AB 2034 grant) at least, where feasible, 30 calendar days prior to implementation.

These Federal, State or County performance standards and/or outcome measures will be used as part of the determination of the effectiveness of the services delivered by the Contractor.

59. **NOTICES**: All notices or demands required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first class, registered or certified mail, postage pre-paid, addressed to the parties at the following addresses and to the attention of the persons named. Director shall have the authority to execute all notices or demands which are required or permitted by County under this Agreement. Addresses and persons to be notified may be changed by either party by giving ten days prior written notice thereof to the other party.

1/	10 Contractor:	
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21	Attention:	
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24	To County:	Department of Mental Health
25		Contracts Development and Administration Division
26		550 South Vermont Ave., 5th Floor
27		Los Angeles, CA 90020
28	Attention:	Richard Kushi, Chief
29		<i>I</i> .
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1	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles					
2	has caused this Agreement to be subscribe	ed by County's Director of Mental Health, and				
3	Contractor has caused this Agreement	to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly				
4	authorized officer, the day, month and year first above written.					
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6		COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES				
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9		By				
10		MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.				
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EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

1. <u>SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED</u>: Upon request, contractor shall provide County Mental Health Facilities with personnel services listed in Exhibit A Contractors agrees to provide, upon advance notice, such services on a seven (7) days per week, twenty-four (24) hours per day basis. All such services shall be provided in accordance with specific terms and conditions contained in this Exhibit and shall be billed at the rates and in accordance with the billing and payment procedures described in Exhibit B.

Personnel who agree to provide services through Contractor hereunder shall be responsible for any and all duties within their specialty, as authorized by County Mental Health Facility's mental health staff or administration.

- A. <u>Psychiatrist Services</u>: Services to be provided hereunder shall include, but shall not be limited to:
 - 1) Providing direct patient care, including work with individual patients, their families and significant others;
 - 2) Consulting with other staff regarding patient care, medical and diagnostic work performed;
 - 3) Participating in treatment team planning;
 - 4) Performing psychiatric consultations with patients;
 - 5) Conducting or coordinating appropriate physical, psychological, and laboratory assessment of patients to determine treatment and medication needs:
 - 6) Prescribing medications;

- 7) Referring patients to other human service agencies and consulting with such, as required; and
- 8) Authorizing involuntary detention and transfer to hospitals as required.
- B. <u>PERSONS TO BE SERVED</u>: Services shall be provided to diverse client populations: (1) child, adolescent, adult, homeless, elderly, and family; (2) ethnically, culturally and linguistically diverse; (3) inpatient, outpatient and jail inmates; and (4) dual diagnosis (mental and substance use disorders).
- C. <u>ASSIGNMENTS</u>: contractor hereby acknowledges and accepts that work assignments may be short-term (i.e. several hours to less than a week) and medium-term (i.e. a few weeks to several weeks) assignments, that work schedules may be nontraditional and that its personnel may be required to travel between facilities.
- D. <u>TRAVEL</u>: Contractor hereby acknowledges and accepts that travel may be extensive, given the wide geographical range of facilities in all parts of Los Angeles County, including Antelope Valley, San Gabriel Valley, San Fernando Valley, South Bay, Westside, East Los Angeles and the Metropolitan area.

2. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. <u>Business License</u>: Contractor shall provide evidence that it has, for a minimum of three (3) years, been in business as a provider of personnel services described in this Agreement. Prior to the execution of this Agreement, Contractor shall provide the Department of Mental Health, Contracts Development and Administration Division, with a copy of its current business license (or local

government entity equivalent) and Federal and State Employer Identification Numbers.

- B. <u>Contract Manager</u>: Contractor shall identify a Contract Manager who shall be responsible for overall operation of the Contract program.
- C. <u>Prohibition Against Recruitment of County-Employed Psychiatrist:</u>
 Contractor, and/or Contractor's employees, officers or agents, shall not hire, recruit, attempt to recruit, or cause to be recruited, any County-employed psychiatrist, as psychiatrist for Contractor.

Any such attempted hiring or recruitment of any County-employed psychiatrist by Contractor, its employees, officers or agents shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County may, at its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1 (TERM AND TERMINATION) in the body of this Agreement. County's failure to exercise this right of termination shall not constitute waiver of such right, and the same may be exercised at any subsequent time.

D. <u>Prohibition Against the Utilization of County-Employed Psychiatrist</u>: Contractor shall not utilize any current County-employed psychiatrist (whether full-time or part-time) for the provision of services pursuant to this Agreement. Further, Contractor shall not utilize any former County-employed Psychiatrist(s) (whether full-time or part-time) for the provision of services hereunder, unless such former County-employed Psychiatrist(s) has (have) terminated her/his (their) County employment at least three (3) months prior to working for Contractor, or unless

County has terminated the employment (i.e., laid off) of such former Countyemployed psychiatrist because of County budget reductions.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Paragraph shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may, at its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1 (TERM AND TERMINATION) in the body of this Agreement. County's failure to exercise this right of termination shall not constitute waiver of such right, and the same may be exercised at any subsequent time.

E. Recruitment

- 1) Contractor shall screen all personnel prior to referring such personnel to County Mental Health Facilities to assure that such personnel meet the professional qualifications described in Paragraph 5 of this Exhibit.
- 2) Contractor shall verify, prior to referring its personnel to a County Mental Health Facility, that all such persons have a current California license, and any other licenses and/or California certifications required by law. Documentation that Contractor has verified the current status of, or a photo-copy of, all such licenses and/or certifications shall be retained by Contractor for purposes of inspection and audit and shall be made available to County upon request.

Failure to comply with the requirements of this Paragraph, as determined by a County audit/compliance review, shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County shall give written "Notice of Material Breach". If such breach is not cured within ten (10) business days

following the giving of such "Notice of Material Breach", or reasonable steps not undertaken by Contractor to cure such default within a reasonable time, then County may, at its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement pursuant to provisions of Paragraph 1 (TERM AND TERMINATION) in the body of this Agreement. County's failure to exercise this right of termination shall not constitute waiver of such right, and the same may be exercised at any subsequent time.

If Contractor refers an individual who lacks the appropriate licenses and/or certifications, and County inadvertently utilizes the services of such a person, County shall not pay for the time worked by that individual.

- 3) Contractor shall provide County Mental Health Facility, upon first referring its personnel for services hereunder, with a copy of all current licenses, credentials, and/or certifications, as appropriate, for such person.
- 4) If contractor recruits out-of-state personnel to provide services hereunder, Contractor shall assure that all such personnel meet the licensing and/or certification requirements set forth by the State of California for their professional specialty. Documentation that Contractor has verified the current status of all such licenses and/or certifications shall be retained by Contractor for purposes of inspection and audit and shall be available to County upon request.

County Mental Health Facilities will not accept the services of Contractor's temporary psychiatrist's personnel with non-immigrant H-1A visa status during the term of this Agreement.

Failure to comply with the requirements of this Paragraph, as determined by a County audit/compliance review, shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County shall give Contractor written "Notice of Material Breach". If such breach is not cured within ten (10) business days following the giving of such "Notice of Material Breach", or reasonable steps not undertaken by Contractor to cure such default within a reasonable time, then County may, at its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement pursuant to provisions of Paragraph 1 (TERM AND TERMINATION) in the body of this Agreement. County's failure to exercise this right of termination shall not constitute waiver of such right, and the same may be exercised at any subsequent time.

If Contractor refers an individual who lacks the appropriate licenses and/or certifications, and County inadvertently utilizes the services of such a person, County shall not pay for the time worked by that individual.

- 5) Contractor shall, at no cost to the County, make all travel arrangements to and from Los Angeles, California, and shall be responsible for providing, or arranging for, housing for such out-of-state recruited personnel.
- F. <u>Annual Staff Development</u>: Contractor personnel providing services hereunder shall have attended annual staff development in the following areas: patient rights, and child/elder abuse.

Documentation that Contractor's employees have attended such staff development program(s) shall be retained by Contractor and shall be made

available to County upon request for purposes of inspection and audit.

G. <u>Infection Control</u>: If any of Contractor's personnel are diagnosed with having an infectious disease, and Contractor is made aware of such a diagnosis and such person has had contact with a County patient during the usual incubation period for such infectious disease, then Contractor shall report such occurrences to County Facility's to County Fracility's Infection Control section within twenty-four (24) hours of becoming aware of diagnosis.

If a County patient is diagnosed as having an infectious disease, and such County patient has had contact with Contractor's personnel during the usual incubation period for such infectious disease, County Mental Health Facility shall report such occurrence to Contractor.

For the purposes of this Agreement, the infectious diseases reportable hereunder are listed in the Public Health List of Reportable Diseases.

- H. <u>County Facility Orientation</u>: In-house orientation of all Contractor-referred personnel may be required by any County Mental Health Facility. Orientation time at any given County Mental Health Facility (up to a maximum of eight (8) hours shall be at County's expense.
- 4. <u>TERM OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT</u>: The assignment of any Contractor's temporary psychiatric personnel to a County Mental Health Facility hereunder shall not extend beyond the expiration date of this Agreement.

5. <u>PERSONNEL'S PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS</u>:

A. <u>Licenses, Registrations and Certificates</u>: All psychiatrist providing services hereunder shall have completed an accredited psychiatric residency and be Board

Certified or Board eligible (ABPN) in General Psychiatry. Board Certification or eligibility in child and adolescent psychiatry is also desirable. Completion of an ACGME-approved residency in psychiatry or equivalent; possession of a current Controlled Substance Registration Certificate issued by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); and current Physician and Surgeon license issued by the Medical Board of California are also required. All applicable licenses must be valid License and criminal background investigations (including and in force. fingerprints) will be made. In addition, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will conduct extensive background investigations on persons assigned to jail facilities. All prospective psychiatrists must be eligible to bill for Medicare/Medi-Cal funding. Contractor shall verify that all psychiatrists referred by Contractor hereunder have a valid and current medical license, and any other licenses and/or certificates required by law. Documentation that Contractor has verified the current status of all such licenses and/or certification shall be retained by Contractor at Contractor's local office for purposes of on-site inspection and audit and made available to County upon request.

Failure to comply with the requirements of this Paragraph, as determined by a County audit/compliance review, shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County shall give Contractor written "Notice of Material Breach". If such breach is not cured within ten (10) business days following the giving of such "Notice of Material Breach", or reasonable steps not undertaken by Contractor to cure such default within a reasonable time, then County may, at its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement pursuant to provisions of

Paragraph 1 (TERM) in the body of this Agreement. County's failure to exercise this right of termination shall not constitute waiver of such right, and the same may be exercised at any subsequent time.

Each County Mental Health Facility shall verify the current status of all licenses and/or certificates, as appropriate, of all temporary personnel referred by Contractor.

County Mental Health Facility may refuse utilization of any of Contractor's personnel if the above information is not provided in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

In the event a County Mental Health Facility inadvertently utilizes a person who lacks appropriate licenses and/or Certificates, County Mental Health Facility shall not pay for any time worked by that individual.

6. PROHIBITION AGAINST COUNTY RECRUITMENT AND HIRING OF CONTRACTOR'S PERSONNEL: It is not County's intent to utilize this Agreement to solicit or recruit Contractor's personnel to County employment or County relief pools. Contractor understands, however, that notices regarding available positions are posted in conspicuous locations at County Mental Health Facilities and that County Mental Health Facility cannot restrict access by Contractor-referred personnel to such information.

In the event a psychiatrist referred by Contractor hereunder expresses interest in County employment and County Mental Health Facility desires to recruit such psychiatrist, County Mental Health Facility shall give reasonable notice of such fact to Contractor.

7. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

A. Contractor shall establish appropriate policies and procedures regarding initial and follow-up procedures for Contractor psychiatrist who experience an industrial accident while working at a County Mental Health Facility.

Contractor shall give each of its psychiatrist providing services hereunder written instructions on the above policies and procedures, to be reviewed on an annual basis.

A copy of the above policies and procedures shall be retained by Contractor and made available to County upon request for purposes of inspection and audit.

- B. Contractor shall make a reasonable effort to provide the services of a specific psychiatrist when requested to do so by a County Mental Health Facility.
- C. County Mental Health Facility may refuse any psychiatrist whom County Mental Health Facility (ies) has (have) previously requested to be removed from the provision of services.
- D. County, in its sole discretion, may refuse utilization of specific Contractor psychiatrist.
- E. While at County Mental Health Facility, Contractor's personnel shall report to County Mental Health Facility's Administrator or his/her authorized designee.
- F. Contractor shall immediately remove any of its personnel from County Mental Health Facility premises upon receipt of oral or written notice from County Mental Health Facility that the actions of such person may adversely affect the delivery of mental health services.

In such cases, Contractor shall bill County Mental Health Facility for actual hours,

or portion thereof, worked by said individual prior to his/her removal.

- G. Contractor's psychiatrist who agree to perform services at County Mental Health Facility, understand that while case requirements may be more difficult, a workload shall not be in excess of a County-employed psychiatrist.
- H. Upon reporting for and leaving work, Contractor's psychiatrist shall sign in and out on Contractor-provided daily time sheets. County may request Contractor to use County-provided daily time sheets during the term of this Agreement. A copy of the daily time sheet shall be sent to the Contractor weekly.
- I. County shall provide each psychiatrist with a photo identification badge, with Contractor's name and the psychiatrist's name easily visible. Such badge shall be worn at all times Contractor's psychiatrists are at a County Mental Health Facility.
- J. Contractor shall provide the following psychiatric services to County Mental Health Facility:
 - Telephone consultation regarding psychiatric care of any patient treated by Contractor's personnel.
 - Telephone and personal consultation with qualified County Mental
 Health Facility personnel for specific patient problems.

Locum Tenens: Service Exhibit A

EXHIBIT B

BILLING, PAYMENT, AND SCHEDULE OF RATES

1. <u>BILLING AND PAYMENT</u>: hall bill County weekly in arrears, in accordance with terms, conditions, and rates set forth below. All billings shall clearly reflect and provide reasonable details of the services for which invoice/claim is made, including, but not limited to, type of services provided, names of psychiatrists who provided services, dates and hours worked, and any other charges, as set forth in this Agreement.

Contractor shall submit original invoices with attached signed timesheets to the attention of the Accounting Division, Department of Mental Health, promptly at the end of each month. Upon receipt of a complete and correct invoice, County shall pay Contractor within 30 working days. Incorrect and/or discrepant billings, as determined by County, will be returned to Contractor for correction before payment is made.

- 2. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>: For the purpose of this Agreement, the following definitions and payment provisions shall apply.
 - A. Overtime: Any hours worked in excess of a 40-hour week.
 - B. <u>Holidays</u>: County holidays (from shift start on or after 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the holiday and ending on or before 8:00 a.m. the following day) shall be billed at one and one-half (1.5) times the daily/hourly rate. For the purposes of this Agreement, County shall pay the holiday rate only for the following holidays:
 - 1) New Year's Day
 - 2) Memorial Day
 - 3) Fourth of July
 - 4) Labor Day
 - 5) Thanksgiving Day
 - 6) Christmas Day

- 3. <u>GENERAL CONDITIONS</u>: County mental health facility may change or cancel a work site agreement without incurring any financial liability upon providing Contractor with at least 14 days prior notice.
- 4. <u>RATES</u>: Contractor's rates for the services provided under this Agreement shall not exceed the following:

All-inclusive Locum Tenens rates for psychiatrist services shall be:

- A. All-inclusive daily rate of \$950/day for general psychiatrists and \$1,050/day for child and adolescent psychiatrists and general psychiatrists assigned to difficult to recruit work sites such as the Jail Mental Health Services, Antelope Valley, and South Los Angeles.
- B. Hourly Rate: \$118.75 for general psychiatrists and \$131.25 for child and adolescent psychiatrists and general psychiatrists and general psychiatrists assigned to difficult to recruit work sites such as the Jail Mental Health Services, Antelope Valley, and South Los Angeles.
- C. Overtime hours: \$168 /hour for general psychiatrists and \$181 /hour for child and adolescent psychiatrists assigned to difficult to recruit work sites such as the Jail Mental Health Services, Antelope Valley, and South Los Angeles..
- D. Holiday Rates: If physician works, daily rate and ½.

The rates set forth in this Exhibit B shall be the sole consideration paid by County to Contractor hereunder. Payment to Contractor shall be only for the actual number of hours worked by its psychiatrist.

ATTESTATION REGARDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

In accordance with your agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health under Paragraph (CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM):

I, the undersigned certify that I am not presently excluded from participation in federally funded health care programs, nor is there an investigation presently pending or recently concluded of me which is likely to result in my exclusion from any federally funded health care program, nor am I otherwise likely to be found by a federal or state agency to be ineligible to provide goods or services under the federally funded health care programs.

I further certify as the official responsible for the administration of							
, (hereafter "Contractor") that all of its							
officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors are not presently excluded from participation							
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programs.							

I understand and certify that I will notify DMH within thirty (30) calendar days, in writing of:

- Any event that would require Contractor or any of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors exclusion or suspension under federally funded health care programs, or
- Any suspension or exclusionary action taken by an agency of the federal or state government against Contractor, or one or more of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors, barring it or its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors from providing goods or services for which federally funded healthcare program payment may be made.

Name of authorized official	
-	Please print name
Signature of authorized official	Date

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EXIHIBIT D SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

No shame. No blame. No mames.

Newborns can be safely given up at any Los Angeles County.

hospital emergency room or fire station.



In Los Angeles County: 1-877-BABY SAFEI 1-877-222-9723 www.babysafela.org



State of California Gray Davis: Governor

Health and Human Services Agency Grantland Johnson, Secretary

Department of Social Services
Rita Saenz Director



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What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents to give up their baby confidentially. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, parents may give up their newborn without fear of arrest or prosecution.

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially and safely give up a baby within three days of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a Los Angeles County emergency room or fire station. As long as the child shows no signs of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, workers will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their newborns within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

In most cases, a parent will bring in the baby. The law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have legal custody.

Does the parent have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so long as the parent gives the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does a parent have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital personnel will ask the parent to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the child. Although encouraged, filling out the questionnaire is not required.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment, if needed. Then the baby will be placed in a pre-adoptive home.

What happens to the parent?

Once the parent(s) has safely turned over the baby, they are free to go.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned by their parents and potentially being hurt or killed. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. The parents who committed these acts may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their infants. Abandoning a baby puts the child in extreme danger. It is also illegal. Too often, it results in the baby's death. Because of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, this tragedy doesn't ever have to happen in California again.

A baby's story

At 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2002, a healthy newborn baby was brought to St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino under the provisions of the California Safely Surrendered Baby Law. As the law states, the baby's mother did not have to identify herself. When the baby was brought to the emergency room, he was examined by a pediatrician, who determined that the baby was healthy and doing fine. He was placed with a loving family while the adoption process was started.

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a newborn, let her know there are other options.

It is best that women seek help to receive proper medical care and counseling while they are pregnant. But at the same time, we want to assure parents who choose not to keep their baby that they will not go to jail if they deliver their babies to safe hands in any Los Angeles County hospital ER or fire station.

Singena. Sin gulpa. Sin gulpa.

Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados en forma segura en la sala de emergencia de cualquier hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles.



En el Condado de Los Ángeles: 1-877-BABY SAFE 1-877-222-9723 www.babysafela.org



Estado de California

Agencia de Salud y Serviciós Humanos (Health and Human Services Agency)

Departamento de Servicios Sociales (Department of Social Services) Rita Saenza Directora



Consejo, de Supervisores del Condado de Los Angeles

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¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro de California permite a los padres entregar a su recién nacido confidencialmente. Siempre que el bebé no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, padres pueden entregar a su recién nacido sin temor a ser arrestados o procesados.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura, dentro de los tres días del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de una sala de emergencias o de un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazalete y el padre/madre recibirá un brazalete igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden empezar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Angeles, al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

En la mayoría de los casos, los padres son los que llevan al bebé. La ley permite que otras personas lleven al bebé si tienen la custodia legal del menor.

¿Los padres deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre puede llevar a su bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, mientras que entregue a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o de un cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital le pedirá que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para los cuidados que recibirá el bebé. Es recomendado llenar este cuestionario, pero no es obligatorio hacerlo.

¿Qué ocurrirá con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y, de ser necesario, recibirá tratamiento médico. Luego el bebé se entregará a un hogar preadoptivo.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre?

Una vez que los padres hayan entregado a su bebé en forma segura, serán libres de irse.

¿Por qué California hace esto?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés del abandono por parte de sus padres y de la posibilidad de que mueran o sufran daños. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Es posible que los padres que cometieron estos actos hayan estado atravesando dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus recién nacidos porque tenían miedo y no tenían adonde recurrir para obtener ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido lo pone en una situación de peligro extremo. Además es ilegal. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. Ahora, gracias a la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro, esta tragedia ya no debe suceder nunca más en California.

Historia de un bebé

A las 8:30 a.m. del jueves 25 de julio de 2002, se entregó un bebé recién nacido saludable en el St. Bernardine Medical Center en San Bernardino, en virtud de las disposiciones de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro. Como lo establece la ley, la madre del bebé no se tuvo que identificar. Cuando el bebé llegó a la sala de emergencias, un pediatra lo revisó y determinó que el bebé estaba saludable y no tenía problemas. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia, mientras se iniciaban los trámites de adopción.

Cada recién nacido merece una oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele qué otras opciones tiene.

Es mejor que las mujeres busquen ayuda para recibir atención médica y asesoramiento adecuado durante el embarazo. Pero al mismo tiempo, queremos asegurarles a los padres que optan por no quedarse con su bebé que no irán a la cárcel si dejan a sus bebés en buenas manos en cualquier sala de emergencia de un hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles.

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When completed, this form must be maintained on file by CONTRACTOR in accordance with all applicable County, State and Federal requirements and made available for inspection and/or audit by authorized representatives of County, State, and/or Federal governments.

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CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Contracts Development and Administration Division

ATTACHMENT III

CONTRACTING WITH MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP IN FIRM

TEMPORARY PSYCHIATRIST SERVICES AGREEMENTS (LOCUM TENENS)

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1	Interim Physicians, Inc.	Р							100	
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3	Medsource Consultants	Р							100	
4	NMR Healthpros, Inc.	P							100	
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Firm Status:

NP = Non Profit

P = For Profit G = Governmental